

*ABSTRACT AMENDMENT*

Replace the Abstract with:

~~An air trap~~ Air trapped in a blind hole during processing of the blind hole with a  
liquid is eliminated by circulating ~~a the liquid chemical~~ along a surface-to-be-processed in  
substantially a ~~given~~ single direction at all times and by setting a velocity gradient of the  
liquid ~~chemical~~ over the surface to at least 300/second ~~or more, thereby eliminating the air~~  
~~trap in the blind hole.~~